



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A
March 8, 2026, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!

Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*Children begin in service with their families,
and will be invited to Sunday School
by Miss Kathryn in Nieman Hall.*

PENITENTIAL ORDER

PRELUDE

“The Woman at the Well”

James Biery

The people stand as clergy enter.

SILENT PROCESSION

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 351

The people sit or kneel.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Enriching Our Worship, p. 56

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

After the Absolution is said, the people respond Amen.

The people stand.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Kyrie eleison”

Hymnal S-88

Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace.
Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 218

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

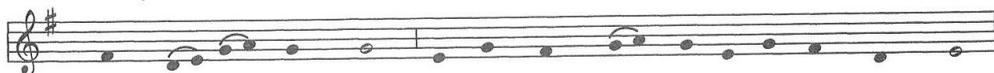
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

*Refrain sung first by choir,
then repeated by all & as indicated*

Plainsong
Verses 8-11



Hard - en not your hearts, as your fore - bears did in the wil - der - ness.

- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."
shall neither slumber nor sleep; *Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you Lord Christ

The people sit.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes God of mercy,
People respond **hear our prayer.**

Leader "...be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day
and always." **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“To Dust”

Karen Marolli

Choir



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Rock of Ages”
(Toplady)

Hymnal 685

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

(with revisions authorized by 2018 General Convention)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of Mary, your willing servant, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining
... to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (Powell) Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The people remain standing.

Presider Blessed are you, Lord our God, ...
... and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection**
as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed ...
... that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; ...
...gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.

Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.

To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

Melissa Dunphy

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer -
 cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Ave Verum”

Caterina Assandra

COMMUNION HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

Hymnal 692

(The Third Tune)

The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Said by all, standing.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing is omitted during Lent.

Weekly Lenten Formation Opportunities

Monday-Friday

3PM-Dusk—Self Guided Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays

6PM—Guided Stations of the Cross, *In-Person*. Please note earlier start time.

Thursdays

8:45PM—Chanted Compline by candlelight, *Church*

Fridays

11AM—Bible Study, *Library*

12:15PM—Noonday Prayer & Organ Recitals, *Church & Livestream*

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Katie, David, Marge, Tanya, Dave, Nancy, Leo, Nikki, Julian, Margaret, Ruth, Allen, David, Brian, Margaret, Robert, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Susan, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Brian, Sue.

Grace Calendar Highlights

Today

Pie/Pi Day Sale *Pies for sale! \$30/each to benefit our food ministry.*

Becoming an Episcopalian *for ages 18 and up. 11:15AM to noon, Chapel.*

Sessions are March 8, 15, & 22 led by Father Robert.

Learn about the Episcopal faith, and for those interested in being confirmed or received in the faith. *All are welcome.*

Tues, March 10, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, Library

Fri, March 13, 12:15PM **Lenten Noonday Prayer & Organ Recital**

Anne Matlack, Settings of Sacred Harp Tunes

Fri, March 13, 7:30-9PM **Youth Karaoke Night**, Grace Hall

Fri, March 13, 6-7PM, **Pizza-Tasting Fundraiser**, \$25/person or \$70 family

Email Angela to sign up AKFinlay13@gmail.com

Mon, March 16, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, *Theo of Golden*, Library

Tues, March 17, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, *1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall*

St. History by Andrew Ross Sorkin. The gathering is offsite, email for directions: bruce.rudin82@gmail.com.

Fri, March 20, 12:15PM **Lenten Noonday Prayer & Organ Recital**

John Givin, organ with Christina Girvin, voice

Fri, March 20, 5:30-8PM **Youth Game Night**, Grace Hall

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The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

Wardens

Heidi Griffiee

Chris Hauck

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist Services

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, *Hadley Bendelius,*

Annabelle Palmer, Junior Head Choristers

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Audrey Bendelius, Peter Munter

& Lucy Waterstredt, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*